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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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For: METHOD FOR THE BLOCK-ENCRYPTION OF DISCRETE DATA

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed January 18, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 3 of this paper.